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Thunderstorms at Sea.
An electric storm at sea is one of the alarming experiences to which a mariner is exposed, but as a matter of fact it is one that is least fruitful in disastrous results. As a rule few precautions are taken to guard against a stroke of lightning, especially in the merchant service. Ships of war are usually fitted with lightning conductors, a precaution made necessary by the explosives stored away in their magazines. But these safeguards are seldom seen on a merchant vessel, and, judging by the extreme rarity of the cases where they have been struck, Jack's claim that he is safer on the ocean than on shore during an electrical disturbance must be admitted.

It is a well established theory that one caught in a thunderstorm should not take shelter under a tall tree, especially if it stands in a clearing. Why lightning should strike an isolated piece of timber on shore and spare it after it has been converted into a vessel's mast is yet to be satisfactorily explained.

Manhattan Full of Holes.
Manhattan Island is like an enormous coal mine, with intricate galleries and apartments underground. A large group of curious subterranean rooms and passages is to be found at the foot of Broadway, extending out laterally to the east and west. An almost continuous line of them follows Broadway. Several of the banks and trust companies have offices fitted up below the crowded sidewalks, where rows of clerks work silently, unmindful of the rush and turmoil above their heads. In the safe deposit vaults built below the pavements of Broadway, Wall, Nassau and Broad streets are stored millions of dollars' worth of securities, over which the crowds hurry all day heedlessly.

A Strange Flower.
A strange flower has been borne by a Malpaisian rose growing in a garden at Violet Hill, Stowmarket, England. The bush was close to an apple tree, and on one of the largest buds bursting into bloom five perfect apple blossoms, each on separate stalks, were seen growing in the center. As the petals of the rose developed the apple blossoms opened, the two forming a curious contrast.

The Lacebark Tree.
The lacebark tree grows in the West Indies. It is a lofty tree, with ovate, entire, smooth leaves and white flowers. It is remarkable for the tenacity of its inner bark and the readiness with which the inner bark may be separated after maceration in water—in layers resembling lace. A governor of Jamaica is said to have presented to Charles II. a cravat, frill and ruffles made of it.

Rules of Grammar cannot give us a mastery of language, rules of rhetoric cannot make us eloquent, rules of conduct cannot make us good.—Aphorisms and Reflections.

Canadian Law vs. American Law.

Hark! the deep thunder of the government cannon breaks with deep reverberating report o'er the Behring sea, and returns with echoing detonation along the shore. Boom! boom! boom! it thunders in mockish delight. Boom! boom! boom! it bursts with resounding thunder o'er the shimmering sea, shouting a salute to freemen of America. To freemen! what a misnomer. The 4th of July cannon has died in its echoing, and a shadowy spectral form bent and silent with folded arms stands before you. It is the dejected, haggard form of 1776 lamenting o'er her downfall. Around her swims in mockery the tea of Boston Harbor. The flag flutters from the government mast-head a trophy of conquest and injustice. A mockish horrowing cry of injustice has bounded cat-like across the haggard form of freedom, and sprang with goulsh yowl in the midst of the people, but while she has startled you with her sudden action she has turned from a cat into a chameleon, and has only shown the color best adapted to her purpose. A few Federal officers have been removed as the remedy, but after all injustice reigns supreme in the land of the midnight sun. Congress has grasped the Orient firmly in her hands and thrown back the surging, straggling hoard of Chinese that stood waiting for the gates of admission to be thrown open. The president has turned the guns of the attorney general on the trusts and mergers, and dares them to run rampant over the rights of the people, but Alaska, alas, is forgotten. They don't seem to realize that the mining laws are so defective that a few men monopolize the Alaskan territory, and are stealing the people's patrimony. They don't seem to take into consideration that while some powers of attorney are bona fide there are more, ten to one, that are gotten for nothing, or purchased by a drink of whiskey, and thus builds up a monstrous monopoly. A man by the name of Ryan bragged to me that he held 110 claims, 2200 acres. He said: "It is a hogish game my friend, but I'm not the biggest hog here by a h— of a site. I know several men that have two or three hundred." A woman told me she had 61 claims, 1220 acres. Enough ground to satisfy the greedish cravings of an ordinary cattle king, and yet this is American law and American justice. Show me a staker that has been in Alaska for two years or more that hasn't from a dozen to fifty claims, and I'll show you a white-headed Indian. Further than that I'll show you hundreds of men there that can't get a foot of land. Everything is staked for two hundred miles around Nome, to the very apex of the tallest mountains—held too for speculative purposes.

Strange to say, but little assessment work is done, as laid down as obligatory in statutory mining laws of the United States. If a claim is staked any time after the first of January, from that time up to the following January is called a fraction, thus giving the locator nearly two years to do their assessment work. Many times a silent partner steps in when the time is nearly expired to do the assessment work, jumps the claims, and the law is beaten and the rascals are secure. Little did Wm. H. Seward dream when negotiating for the purchase of Alaska that the shadow of Russian despotism would hover over it and be turned into a pot-house of Russian favoritism, across the bar of which was bartered the people's patrimony. Sixty feet of the shores of the Behring Sea is reserved by the government as a road-bod, so called. This is exempt from private ownership. It belongs to every one and to no one, and is known as the beach diggings. Here the impoverished prospector goes for financial aid when no other is opened up to him.

Last summer the monopolist tried to oust the rocker men from this belt, and used threats of government interference if they did not vacate. Some were forcibly put off, some scared off, and some held their ground with the courage of a sportsman. A man whose name I have forgotten, but whom I can produce, was threatened by a man that said he was a government marshal. The man claiming to be a marshal said to the miner: "You must leave this ground, and if you don't get off I'll arrest you." "By what authority," said the miner. "No matter by what authority, I am a government marshal, and if you don't vacate instantly I will arrest you." The miner looked the officer straight in the face and said defiantly: "I dare you to arrest me; I am not a criminal; arrest me if you dare, and take me to Nome, and I will see whether I am protected as an American, which I am, or whether the shadow of Russian despotism hovers over me." The officer turned and left the miner master of the situation. The same mining laws are operative in Alaska that are operative here, save that what is known as the Carter Act. The maligned ex-Senator Carter of Montana was the father of the act. One clause of the act allows the miners to meet in mass meeting and pass local laws regulating the number of claims to be held by one man and the working thereof. The local laws passed last April allows one man to hold only four claims in a district, which district may comprise 30 or 40 miles in extent. But it is the same old precaution of locking the stable door after the horses are stolen, for the land was all staked prior to this and the law cannot be retroactive, and is therefore inoperative to such locations. The Canadian mining laws allow a man to take only one claim of 600 feet in a district, the district being from 30 to 40 miles in extent. Furthermore he must work it faithfully 90 days in the year, otherwise forfeit it. Ten per cent is charged

by the Canadian government as a royalty after taking out \$5000. A pretty snug sum for a poor man. All over \$5000 a royalty of ten per cent is charged. This tax may seem onerous, but when you take into consideration that you must give 50 per cent at Nome for the privilege of working a claim, the Canadian royalty is a mere bagatelle. What I have written is the truth. Remember, my friends, if you go to Nome expect to confront the conditions that I have delineated, for it is an absolute fact.

CHAS. S. BELL.

The Stockton Electric Company has given a contract for two seventy-two-inch steam boilers to be installed as a reserve in case anything should happen to the Standard power or there should be a break-down anywhere along the line. A 3000-light alternating dynamo of 200 kilowatts is also being installed at the local power house.—Stockton Mail.

Like a Drowning Man.

"Five years ago a disease the doctors called dyspepsia took such hold of me that I could scarcely go," writes Geo. S. Marsh, well-known attorney of Nacoma, Texas. "I took quantities of pepsin and other medicines but nothing helped me. As a drowning man grabs at a straw I grabbed at Kodol. I felt an improvement at once, and after a few bottles am sound and well." Kodol is the only preparation which exactly reproduces the natural digestive juices, and consequently is the only one which digests any good food and cures any form of stomach trouble. Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

HUNDRED MILE COAST.

The Oroya Railway in Peru distinguished itself in many ways. Lord Ernest Hamilton describes his experience of a thrilling but perilous pastime, the descent in a small hand car of a wonderful mountain railway in Peru.

"As a matter of fact," he writes, referring to the title of the article, "it is 100; but, for the sake of a title, the extra six may go—100 are enough at any rate for purposes of illustration. These hundred odd miles of railway are found on the Ferro-Carril Central of Peru, commonly called the Oroya railway, and they are to be found nowhere else.

"This Oroya railway is a very wonderful line indeed. It not only climbs higher than any other railway in the world, but also distinguished itself in a variety of other ways incidentally referred to hereafter. But the accomplishment with which I am chiefly concerned is this—that it provides the only road in the world which a man on wheels can travel over 100 miles by his own momentum and practically at any pace to which the fiend of recklessness may urge him.

The object of what is here written is to trace the sensations born of a run down from the summit of the Oroya railway, 15,000 feet above sea level, to the verge of the Pacific. You start under the eye of the eternal snows, and you finish among humming birds and palms. You start sick with the unspeakable sickness of soroche, and you finish in the ecstasy of an exultation too great for words.

"The gods of Olympus were worms beside the man who has during the last three hours controlled his car from the Paso de Galera to Callao, for it is in the control that lies the joy, as in other things apart from car running. To sit beside the brakeman is a friendly aiding and abetting the lever in your own firm but too exacting hand is to sup a liberal foretaste of the joys of heaven.—Pearson's Magazine.

LAW POINTS.

A druggist may be convicted of maintaining a liquor nuisance, though having a permit to sell liquor, holds the supreme court of Kansas.

The giving of a new note for an existing indebtedness will not of itself release collateral security held for payment of such indebtedness, holds the supreme court of Nebraska.

A child of divorced parents is a ward of the court and must not be removed from the state by a parent to whom the court has awarded the custody, holds the appellate court of Illinois.

A reservation of title in a conditional sale of goods is valid as between the parties and those succeeding to their rights, with knowledge of such reservation, either personally or from the records.

A decree or order for alimony in a divorce proceeding is not a debt within the meaning of that term as used in the constitution prohibiting imprisonment for debt, holds the supreme court of Washington.

A bequest in a will for the purchase of books on spiritualism, to be free to all, is held by the court of chancery of New Jersey in the case of Jones versus Watford (30 Atl. Rep., 189) to be a charitable gift which a court of equity will enforce.

A Little Slow.

"One day," says an exchange clerk in a Philadelphia department store, "an old fellow from the country came up to my desk and, laying down a package, said:

"Young man, here's a suit of underwear that I bought here seven years ago. It is too small for me, and I would like to have it exchanged."

"I was thunderstruck at the nerve of the man, but I managed to say something about the time limit on such transactions.

"Well," said he, "I know that, but I've never had 'em on, and this is the first time I've been in town since the day I bought 'em."

ODD CLASSIFICATION.

The Way a Carload of Tramps Was Designated in Mexico.

In Mexico the billing of railroad freight requires a knowledge and precision which can only be attained by years of practice. This is due to the peculiar classification of various articles and the different rates of customs duties. A case recently occurred which severely taxed the ingenuity of the station agent, although he finally succeeded in meeting all requirements.

The town was overrun with tramps, and the council determined that steps must be taken to rid the city of them. It was finally decided to send them up and ship them out of the country. It would be too expensive to purchase tickets, so they concluded to hire stock cars and ship their tramps as freight.

The cars were procured, and by the aid of the police the tramps were gathered, but then the question arose as to how the shipment should be designated on the bill of lading.

The term "persons" could not be used, as it would conflict with the state law relative to proper accommodations for the traveling public, and it would also be in violation of the company's rules governing the rates of passenger traffic. "Marketable commodities" would not do, as that would subject the carload to a heavy duty upon crossing the tariff zone. Again they would have to be classified as "perishable" or the dispatcher might order the car side-tracked along the line.

But fortunately there is a customs law which exempts certain kinds of curiosities from duty, and so, after much consideration, the tramps were billed and forwarded as so many hundredweight of "perishable curiosities—unit to eat."

Curing a Duelist.

It is said that a Harvard man who was visiting Paris in some innocent way offended a club member, who promptly slapped his face, the Frenchman expecting, of course, to receive a challenge for a duel. Instead of this proceeding the Harvard man turned and looked for an instant at his adversary, and, quick as a flash pulled back his strong right hand and sent the fellow rolling across the floor, breaking the bones of his nose in two places.

After a few weeks, when the Frenchman had sufficiently recovered from the incident to discover what had happened, he issued a formal challenge to his American offender to fight a duel, and, being the recipient of the duel, the American was permitted to select the weapons. He promptly chose a baseball and, being an old pitcher, threw with an accuracy which resulted in the Frenchman's getting another wound on the nose, curing him entirely of the love for dueling.

How New York Sleeps.

New York is a city of infinite variety. There are those who have beds without sleep and those who sleep without beds. Three thousand of her winter residents slumber in the cradles of the canal barges that come each year from the canals of New York state, from the great lakes and Lake Champlain to spend the winter months moored in New York harbor. In the tenement districts a man, his wife and his four or six or eight or more children sleep in a single room, and one who goes about the city finds many a device for slumber and repose. On Washington street, on the west side, where the Turks, the Greeks, the Assyrians and the Egyptians live near neighbors to a colony of Irish, is a queer little oriental hotel on the top floor of a tenement.—Leslie's Weekly.

Confederate Camp Flags.

The Confederate stars and bars were in 1903 supplemented by the camp flag. This was in size and shape like the other, except that it was white, with no stripes, and the battleflag in the upper corner next the staff. It was found deficient in actual service in that, displaying so much white, it was sometimes apt to be mistaken for a flag of truce, and on Feb. 24, 1885, it gave place to the last flag of the Confederacy, the outer half being a red vertical bar. Appearing late in the war, it was not so familiar as the others—in fact, it was comparatively little known.

Rome's Churches.

The guidebooks are responsible for the popular impression that there are 935 churches in Rome, one for every day in the year, but that is a mistake. The exact number is 352, including the four great basilicas outside the walls. Besides these there are about 618 chapels connected with monasteries, nunneries, schools and private palaces and a large number of shrines erected by individuals in different parts of the city to fulfill vows or show gratitude for deliverance from peril or sickness. There are 68 monastic establishments, 42 for monks and 26 for nuns.

The Umbrella Conscience.

A correspondent contributes another to the series of umbrella myths. During a smart shower a gentleman was unprovided hurriedly overtook an acquaintance whom he chanced to see some distance ahead of him carrying an umbrella, intending to ask if he might be permitted to share its shelter. He was almost up to him, when suddenly the other turned around and with a guilty look thrust it into his hands and vanished.—London Globe.

His Weak Spot.

Casey—Did ye hear about poor Flannery?

Cassidy—Sorra the word.

Casey—Sure, the big stame hammer in the foundry dropped down on his chest 'n' killed him.

Cassidy—Well, O'm' not surprised, for he always had a weak chest.—Philadelphia Press.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.
(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

The long period of waiting in the senate is approaching an end, and the strain, under which republican senators and the correspondents of the republican press have labored, is to be remitted. The orders of Senator Lodge, in his capacity of manager on the floor of the senate of the Philippine civil bill, have been "hold your fire until you see the whites of their eyes," but the whites of a good many democratic eyeballs are now in view, and the first skirmish of the republican forces was made on Friday by Senator Pritchard of North Carolina. Behind the smoke of Senator Pritchard's skirmish line Mr. Lodge has been getting his big guns into line, and today at two o'clock they will go into action with telling effect. The senator from Massachusetts has prepared his speech very carefully, and it is calculated to play havoc in the democratic ranks. Mr. Lodge will admit the cruelties which have been practiced in the Philippines by American soldiers, but he will point out that they all occurred from one-and-a-half to two years ago. Then he will cite the atrocities practiced on American soldiers by the Filipinos, outrages and barbarities, which, to use the senator's own words, "would make a marble saint thirst for vengeance." Space will not admit an enumeration of the frightful atrocities which have been perpetrated on the American boys, and which have made their comrades, crazed with the sight of their brothers' suffering, overstep, in a very few instances, the bounds of civilized warfare. I have seen the senator's speech, and when the American people have read it their horror at the pictures which have been drawn for their imagination by democratic partisans will be turned to pity, and to gratification that the American forces have shown themselves so tolerant, so merciful, and so well disciplined in the face of such frightful provocation. What the democrats have been exultingly contemplating as magnificent material for the campaign will be shown of its oratorical flowers and made to stand out as partisan vilification of American soldiers, under the furious batteries of the junior senator from Massachusetts.

The testimony of Messrs. Have-meyer and Donner, respectively president and treasurer of the sugar trust, before the committee on relations with Cuba, have failed to discover the sensational facts which have been so confidently counted on by the opponents of Cuban reciprocity. The statements of both these gentlemen, made under oath, have revealed the fact that the trust has no holdings of Cuban sugar and that reciprocity will operate to the disadvantage rather than to the advantage of the trust. Further delay will obviously operate to the advantage of the trust, but Cuban reciprocity, according to their statements, will not. Mr. Mott, purchaser of raw sugar for the company, cited with effect the results of admitting free Porto Rican sugar as ample evidence of the benefit to the planters of a reduction of the tariff.

The refusal of the attorney general to meet in conference the representatives of the beef trust is in entire accordance with the views of the president and with action already taken by the department of justice. Mr. Knox has begun his suit in the belief that the men who compose the trust have violated the law and have

conspired to raise the price of a commodity which is important to every consumer. There is nothing about which he wishes to confer. He has brought suit in the courts and the result will stand on the facts there demonstrated. It is not the position of the government to compromise with law breakers, and it now remains to the courts to determine if the attorney general is correct in his assumption that the law has been violated. Having demonstrated the correctness of his position Mr. Knox will leave it to the courts to enforce the law and fix the penalty.

Two more appropriation bills have been disposed of by the house of representatives during the past week, the agricultural and the District of Columbia bills having been sent up to the senate. The bill providing for diplomatic relations with Cuba is now under consideration and will be followed to-morrow with the omnibus territorial bill. Delegate Dennis Flynn of Oklahoma, told me yesterday that he was certain this bill would pass the house and that he believed its chances in the senate were excellent. There will then remain but two more appropriation bills to be considered, the naval bill and the general deficiency bill, the former already reported and the latter still to come. Prominent on the house calendar are the Philippine government bill, the anti-anarchist bill, the Pacific cable bill, and a host of others which should be acted upon before adjournment. Saturday was devoted to the private calendar, and today in the house has been set aside for the consideration of bills emanating from the committee on the District of Columbia.

Thursday witnessed the exit of Secretary Long from the cabinet, and his succession by Mr. Moody of Massachusetts as the new secretary of the navy. It was with manifest and freely expressed relief that Mr. Long vacated the office, which the Spanish war had made particularly onerous. In fact, had it not been for his disinclination to "retire under fire," Mr. Long would have long before resigned from the cabinet. Mr. and Mrs. Long left Washington immediately for their Massachusetts home.

On Friday the president went to Annapolis and presented to the graduating cadets their diplomas. The presentation was preceded by a characteristic speech in which Mr. Roosevelt charged the young men with the responsibilities of their future positions, and emphasized the fact that the slightest inattention to duty on their part might result disastrously to the country which they had sworn to serve.

The advent of Mme. Cambon, wife of the French Ambassador, to Washington society on Thursday was the occasion of an unusually brilliant reception to the embassy. Mme. Cambon has not been in this city for a number of years, and it is understood that her residence here will be marked by a number of elaborate entertainments in the not distant future. A large number of people in diplomatic and official circles extended a cordial welcome on the evening of her reception.

Wants Others to Know.

"I have used Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers for constipation and torpid liver and they are all right. I am glad to advise them for I think when we find a good thing we ought to let others know it," writes Alfred Heinze, Quincy, Ill. They never gripe or distress. Sure, safe pills. Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

REVISING A PROVERB.
Whom the Gods Love Die Not Young, But in Old Age.

Wisdom aspires to age, while the shallow dread its finger marks, half conscious that their weak minds would sink into senility beneath the burden of years. Preams of praise are paid to youth in forgetfulness of the fact that only the aged can contrast the varying phases of consciousness during the different decades of a century of life. Verily it was a wise poet who sang:

"Whom the gods love die young?" Nay; rather say, "Whom the gods love die old." Shall the morn pale ere it hath colored its gold. The sun go down while yet it is full day. The statue sleep unmolded in the clay. The parchment crumble ere it is untold. The story end with half the tale untold, The song drop mute and breathless by the way?

Nay, nay, nay. Broken lives are surely not the perfected human product of God's great plan. The prophets of the remotest recorded time, the grandeur of whose thought has been the theme of preachers and writers for thousands of years, lived to ages which seem miraculous to moderns. The man who grows old grandly, with grace and good nature, really retains his youth.—Troy Press.

The Mark of the Hand.
When the hand touches anything, it leaves upon the object touched a representation of that part which came in contact with the object. This impression is not visible to the eye. It is made by the acid of moisture exuded from the skin. If you place the palm of your hand flat on a sheet of blank paper, you may not see the faintest trace of the hand, and many people will be angry at the suggestion that there is any exudation—their hands are perfectly dry, they do not suffer from perspiration. Nevertheless if a metal plate covered with a certain chemical preparation be passed over the paper the representation of the hand becomes visible in great detail.

CHILL WINDS
Are the dread of those whose lungs are "weak." Some fortunate people can follow the summer as it goes southward, and escape the cold blasts of winter and the chill airs of spring. But for the majority of people this is impossible. Family cares and business obligations hold them fast.

"Weak" lungs are made strong by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures the obstinate cough, heals the inflamed tissues, stops the hemorrhage, and restores the lost flesh to the emaciated body.

"I am a railroad agent," writes J. R. Staples, Esq., of Barclay, Oregon Co., Kans., "and for years ago my work kept me in a warm room and stepping out frequently for seeking another climate. The cold air gave me bronchitis, which became chronic and deep seated. Doctors failed to reach my case and advised me to try a higher air, but, fortunately for me, a friend also advised me to try Dr. Pierce's medicine. I commenced taking my 'Golden Medical Discovery' and by the time I had taken the first bottle I was in a warm room and stepping out frequently. I was cured of my bronchitis, and my lungs are now strong and healthy. I have found no necessity for seeking another climate."

Sometimes a dealer, tempted by the little more profit paid on the sale of less meritorious medicines, will offer the customer a substitute as being "just as good" as the "Discovery."

You get the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, the best medical work ever published, free by sending stamps, or by purchase of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for book in paper covers, or 31 stamps for cloth-bound volume, to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

CHEAP BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE
Lots for sale in the Webb-Mason tract. Will be sold at bed-rock prices, for cash, or on installment plan. Lots fronting on Stump and Center streets. Before purchasing a residence lot call at LEDGER office and get prices.

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NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Short News Items of Local Interest.

Death of Robert J. Stevens—Work Commenced on the New Amador Lumber Company's Road.

For a nice chicken dinner go to the Louvre restaurant.

PIONEER FLOUR always has been and still is the best.

"Nabisco," the new cake, try them at Caminetti's Mkt.

Go to the Superior candy factory for fine hot chicken tamales.

Fred L. Stewart came up to Jackson by Wednesday's stage on a short visit. He left for the city this morning.

C. W. Schacht, Dentist, Webb building. Hours—9 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 5 p. m. Saturdays 9 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 4 p. m.

St. Augustine's church—Morning service 11 a. m., being Whitsunday. Holy communion will be celebrated.

Mrs. M. E. Buffington was a passenger on Monday evening's stage on a visit to relatives and friends in Jackson.

Mrs. Meehan and her daughter, Miss Loretta, returned Sunday evening from a visit to Mt. Bullion, in Mariposa county.

The most delightfully blended whiskey known to the human palate is "Jesse Moore"—the standard for over fifty years.

10 doz. ladies' seamless black drop stitch hose at 14c a pair at the White House.

Mrs. Hettie O'Neil left last week for the Del Monte mine in Calaveras county, where she intends to spend about a month.

Mrs. Anna Clark and Miss Annie May were in attendance this week at the Grand Lodge of Rebekahs in San Francisco, as delegates from Jackson lodge.

Miss Thirza Faulk, who has taught school in Jackson for several years, left Sunday morning for her home in Alameda.

Peep at our new ox-fords for men, they are the latest, in tan and black. Jackson Shoe Store.

Joseph Bird, a native of England, was naturalized on the 9th instant, on the testimony of S. N. Spagnoli and C. B. Arditt.

The closest cash bargains on dry goods, clothing, furniture, carpets, wall paper and window shades at the White House.

A. Chichizola, who has had a protracted case of sickness in San Francisco, returned home last week, much improved in health.

W. S. Gilbert has been engaged to put up a small building at the Del Monte mine, in Calaveras county, and left for that point a week ago.

Nothing will please an invalid as well as a package of those fancy cakes from Caminetti's Mkt.

Dr. C. H. Gibbons left Jackson this morning, and will proceed direct to Porcupine district, Alaska, where he is largely interested in mining.

In the M. E. church May 18, morning subject, "The last shall be first, and the first last." Evening: "Buy the truth and sell it not."

Remember, you can get the best meal in town, cooked in up-to-date style, at the Louvre restaurant.

Mrs. G. H. Simmons, formerly of this county, and for several months a resident of Jackson, accompanied by her daughter Dorris, was visiting her many friends in Jackson on Wednesday and Thursday.

The stock of goods in W. S. Gilbert's store was sold at auction last Friday by order of the referee in insolvency. The appraised value of the stock was \$175. The proceeds of the sale amounted to a few dollars short of that amount, \$170.50.

Great reduction of tan ox-fords. Our \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 ties reduced to 50c, 75c and \$1.00 per pair. Call and see them. Jackson Shoe Store.

Dr. Erhardt, associated with Dr. Herrick, will be in Amador City on Monday next, May 19, to remain one week for dentistry business.

Pat Tallon fell on the sidewalk in the early part of the week and sustained a fracture of the hip joint. The injury is a serious one and will disable him for a couple of months, under the most favorable circumstances. He is between 50 and 60 years of age, and this fact tends to make the process of recovery slow. He is under the care of Dr. Endicott.

Work was started on the construction of the new road from the Amador Lumber Company's mill to the main road to Jackson this week. They do not propose to wait for the differences to be settled with the non-consenting land owners, but intend to go ahead with the work. A force of men was put to work on the upper end of the road last Monday.

Robert J. Stevens died in the county hospital last Monday morning. He was formerly connected with the Jackson band, occupying the position of instructor for several years. He was unquestionably possessed of considerable musical talent. The liquor habit, however, was his undoing, and undermined his constitution when he ought to have been in the prime of life. Failing health compelled him to seek an asylum in the hospital several months ago. The members of the Jackson band turned out in force at his funeral, which took place Tuesday afternoon. Services were held in the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. G. H. Van Vleet. The pall-bearers were C. E. Reynolds, John Chinn, A. L. Coset, J. H. Thrasher, J. Danson and Sam Harris. The expenses of the funeral were defrayed by public donations, solicited by his former comrades in the band.

Olives, salami, swiss, hamburger, Martin's cream and California cheese at Caminetti's Mkt.

Ruel Parker has accepted the position of clerk at the Globe hotel, made vacant by the resignation of J. R. Huberty to become deputy county clerk.

Don't miss a chance on the \$40 gents' suit made to order, free. Drawing will take place July 4th at the White House.

Frederick Eudey, cashier of the Amador bank, was a visitor at Sacramento this week, in attendance at the street fair.

Get the Kingsbury hat, they are the best hand-made hat in town, in all shapes and styles. Jackson Shoe Store.

Volcano is talking of having a fourth of July celebration this year. In Jackson the prevailing sentiment seems to be in favor of letting the fourth go, and having a grand celebration admission day, Sept. 9th, under the auspices of the various fraternal societies.

Frank W. Sorocco, of Pine Grove, who has been a sufferer for the past nine weeks with a serious attack of pneumonia, was a visitor in Jackson last Monday—the first time he has been able to go a distance from home since his illness. He is still very weak, but steadily gaining in strength.

On Wednesday evening a pleasant social function was given at the residence of Mrs. Davis, being a farewell dinner given by the hostess to Miss Maud Gibbons on the eve of her wedding. Those present were: Miss Gibbons, Mrs. Davis, Miss Hilda Clough, Miss Amelia Cademartori, Dr. and Mrs. Gall, Judge Davis, R. I. Kerr and Dr. Gibbons.

Misses tan shoes, in sizes 11 to 2, this month for 90c per pair. Jackson Shoe Store.

Sunday evening the peculiar movements of a man around Ginocchio's store gave color to the belief that an attempt to burglarize the premises was being made. Sheriff Gregory was notified, and made an investigation, but could find nothing that would tend to confirm the burglary theory. R. Anove and Mrs. Ginocchio both saw the stranger about the place. He was noticed on the front balcony particularly. There was a lodge meeting in the Masonic hall across the street from the store, and it may have been motives of curiosity to pry into the doings of the Druid order that impelled the man to invade the Ginocchio building. Nothing was missed from the premises, and nothing seems to have been moved out of place.

Trial Jurors.

The following named persons were drawn on the 12th instant as trial jurors to appear in the superior court on June 4, at 10 a. m.: M. R. Bacon, T. Frederickson, W. Rodgers, P. F. Vandercloot, J. S. Waters, G. W. Penner, Jerry Lawler, W. T. Turner, L. Foster, R. C. Watkins, A. J. Peyton, Joseph Ellis, W. Woodworth, J. H. Holman, J. A. Courrier, J. Cruson sr., Chas. Kretcher, C. W. Wilds, J. M. Ybright, J. J. Doman, Florence Oneto, Jos. A. Brignole, Chas. Fournier, L. Bryson, S. Sharp, M. S. Parker, Peter Lawson, John Dyan, F. M. Potter, L. Cuneo, H. J. Lambert, G. W. Anderson, John Connors, Thos. Frakes, John Lorse, A. Chraty, Amos J. Richardson, F. C. Blakeley, E. Botto, E. N. Ekkel, N. Raphael, Walter Hale, Charles Schriener, William Ford, J. A. Votaw, Jas. Votaw, Jas. Cox, R. Lehman, Edward Shealar, H. J. Show, N. Hornberger.

Italian Picnic.

The usual annual picnic will be given this year on the first Sunday in June by the Italian Benevolent Society, on their prepared grounds in Fuller's field. The posters will be out in a few days, being somewhat delayed in arranging the program of exercises. The following committee has been appointed to make all arrangements for this festival: C. Boro (chairman), Joe Dalo, John Torre, John Serra, and G. Isola. It is the intention to spare no effort or expense in making the forthcoming celebration one of the most notable events of the kind ever witnessed in Amador county. Full particulars will be given hereafter.

To Visit Hawaii.

Several of the friends of Miss Cora Culbert were entertained most delightfully at her home at Amador City last Monday night, prior to her departure for Honolulu. Miss Culbert left the following morning for San Francisco, and will sail Saturday for Honolulu, where she will be met by her sister, Miss Carsey. After spending a few weeks there they will sail for Kahului, where they will spend several months.

Rainfall.

The rainfall last Monday night and Tuesday measured 1.28 inches, making a total of 28.45 inches for the season, against 31.24 for the same period last year. The heavy downpour this week will prove very beneficial to the grain crops, especially to the east of the mineral belt. Some volunteer hay has been cut, and will be damaged some. The grain crops around here are remarkably healthy. The prospect for an abundant yield continues excellent.

Card of Thanks.

We heroby tender our sincere thanks to all persons who rendered assistance by contributions or otherwise, during the last sickness and funeral ceremonies of our late friend and instructor, Robert J. Stevens.

JACKSON BAND AND FRIENDS, Jackson, May 14, 1902.

Drew Like Professionals.

Love's hall was packed with people last Tuesday night to witness the minstrel performance by local talent for the benefit of the Jackson band. The show was excellent, every member of the company acquitting himself admirably. The dance which followed the performance was also highly enjoyed. The total receipts, including the dance, amounted to between \$150 and \$170.

A NOTABLE WEDDING.

An Imposing Ceremony in the Catholic Church over the Murphy-Gibbons Nuptials.

The wedding of Miss Maud Margaret Gibbons, daughter of Dr. C. H. Gibbons, to Eugene Aloysius Murphy of Skagway, Alaska, was celebrated in the Catholic church, Jackson, on Thursday morning, May 15. The church was well filled, showing the tense public interest awakened in an event which had been a topic of local talk for several months. The church was neatly decorated with floral offerings for the occasion. The bride, neatly and becomingly attired in white satin dechline, with bridal veil, and carrying a bouquet of white rosebuds, with ornaments of diamonds, and leaning upon the arm of her father, was conducted to the altar, where the groom was already in waiting, Mrs. Kay playing the wedding march as the party proceeded up the aisle. Miss Amelia Cademartori attended as bridesmaid, attired in pink dotted swiss, carrying a bouquet of pink rosebuds. The groom was attired in the conventional suit of black, with Robert I. Kerr as best man. Rev. J. J. Gleeson proceeded to read the impressive ceremony of the Catholic faith, which united the loving pair as man and wife, after which the solemn nuptial mass was celebrated, a service which has not been witnessed here for 12 years. H. E. Kay sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Kay on the organ, which brought the service to a close. The bride received the congratulations of her host of friends at the church entrance as they passed out, and immediately thereafter the pair were driven to the National hotel, where the wedding breakfast was spread.

The breakfast table was spread in the dining room of the National hotel by F. A. Voorheis, who received the praise of all for the excellent manner in which he carried out this important part of the affair. Plates were provided for 20 guests as follows: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Murphy, Judge J. F. Davis and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. McConney, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kay, Mrs. Buffington, Miss Hilda Clough, Miss Dora McConnell, Miss Loretta Meehan, Miss J. Lithgow, W. F. Detert, Will Perry, A. Marre, Miss Amelia Cademartori, Robert I. Kerr, Dr. C. H. Gibbons and Rev. Father Gleeson, the latter sending his regrets at being unable to be present. The menu consisted of strawberries, bouillon, wafers, olives, salad almonds, mushroom timbals, fried chicken, cream gravy, potato fillets, green peas, french rolls, crab salad au mayonnaise, chocolate vanilla, strawberry ice cream, brides' cake, chocolate cake, coffee, sauterne, white seal.

Judge Davis addressed the guests in his usual happy vein, and Mr. Murphy responded nicely, expressing his pleasure at the greeting he had received at the hands of the Jackson people.

The bridal pair left shortly after to take the afternoon train at Ione. As the bride appeared at the head of the stairway at the hotel, in accordance with an old time custom, she threw a bouquet to the guests below, which was captured jointly by Misses Hilda Clough and Loretta Meehan. The bridal carriage drove away amid a shower of rice and a festoon of old shoes and boots, expressive of the well-wishes of their friends.

The bride was the recipient of a large number of costly presents from her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy proceeded to Stockton Thursday. From there they will make an extended wedding tour of California, visiting San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, this being Mr. Murphy's first visit to California.

From California they will proceed to Spokane, and other points of interest in Washington, and expect to be in Skagway by the 10th of June, where they will go to housekeeping immediately upon their arrival, an elegant residence having been fitted up for their reception.

The bride is the only daughter of Dr. C. H. Gibbons, the well known physician and surgeon. She was born in Colusa county and educated at Pierce college, Colusa county, and the Oakland high school. She was a resident of Jackson for two years, and left here two years ago with her father, and went to Aaska, where she met the young man who is now her husband. She was reared in the Protestant faith, but in deference to the creed of her chosen life partner she was baptized into the Catholic church last Friday.

Mr. Murphy was born in South Dakota, 25 years of age, and holds the responsible position of chief clerk of the White Pass and Youkon Railroad. He is a young man of much promise and executive ability.

The Ledger extends to the happy couple its hearty wishes for their future happiness.

Armstrong's Station Burned.

Armstrong's station, on the silver lake road three quarters of a mile from Ham's station, was destroyed by fire on Thursday of last week. The place was owned by W. H. Ryan of Pine Grove. Mr. Ryan and family make their winter home at Pine Grove. The past winter a young man named Blize had lived at the station. On the day of the fire, Blize was out hunting and fishing, and on his return in the evening found the house a heap of smoldering ruins. The barn and other out-buildings were saved. The place was insured for \$500. It is not probable that the house will be rebuilt. The agent went up Wednesday to adjust the loss.

Visiting at Napa.

Mrs. Webster Smith of Jackson, Amador county, accompanied by her children and her mother, Mrs. Emily Caldwell, have arrived in Napa and taken rooms at Mrs. Robt. Risk's on Calistoga avenue. They will remain about six months, and Miss Milfred Smith will take a course in stenography at our business college. These people are relatives of S. E. McNell.—Napa Journal.

Remember that Penny and Moon keep first-class chicken tamales every night.

IN THE OUTSIDE PRECINCTS

Correspondents to the Amador Ledger.

Letters from Amador City, Shenandoah Valley, Pine Grove and Camp Opra.

AMADOR CITY, May 13.—The dance given by the Plymouth band last Saturday night was a decided success, and every one hopes to enjoy such another occasion soon.

O. W. Wrigglesworth left Monday morning for San Francisco, to represent the A. O. F.

Miss Daisy Fox entertained a few of her friends at her home last Saturday night. A most delightful evening was passed by all.

The Sunday school picnic will be held Saturday, May 24th.

Miss Nellie Hamly is in Sacramento attending the street fair.

Hazel and Almira Goodman of Volcano, are visiting their Amador friends.

The public school closed last Friday, with the usual exercises.

Mr. Jared left Sunday morning for Sacramento.

Bertha Taylor and Jessie Hicks came over from Jackson Friday, and returned Sunday morning.

Miss Lucy Hinkson left Wednesday morning for Lodi, where she will spend a few days visiting relatives, before leaving for Merced to spend the summer.

J. R. Tregloan returned from Oakland Saturday night.

Miss Grace Leonard was hostess at a very pleasant "at home" Monday night.

Mrs. Ida Jones of Jackson, visited Mrs. Reeves a couple of days last week. Dan Ihler has obtained a position in Plymouth.

Mr. Van Vose of Chico, has succeeded John Beskeen as manager of the Keystone store.

Mrs. E. Larky of Walnut Creek, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. B. Tregloan.

Mrs. King, a prominent W. C. T. U. worker, will lecture here Saturday night in the M. E. church, and deliver the sermon at the usual services Sunday morning.

Mrs. Geo. Simmons of Colusa, is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. J. Simmons, of this place.

Solomon Isaminger of Quartz Mountain, who died Saturday morning, was buried in Sutter Creek today.

E. LOIS.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY, May 14.—W. W. Moore, one of the earliest settlers of the valley, died yesterday morning of heart failure. The death was entirely unexpected. Mr. Moore had arisen apparently in his usual health and had started to the barn. When he reached the yard gate his wife heard him call, and ran to his assistance, but as she reached him he fell lifeless. Mr. Moore was born in Missouri, May 13, 1828, and was exactly 74 years of age at his death. He made the journey across the plains in 1850, and settled on his ranch in the valley in the early fifties. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife and four children; one daughter, Mrs. M. B. Grainger of Placerville, and three sons, George F. Moore of Stockton, William J. Moore of San Francisco, James H. Moore of Seattle, Wash. The funeral will take place Friday, interment to be in the cemetery in the valley. Mrs. Grainger and G. F. Moore arrived at the home last evening.

Mrs. M. Stillwagon of San Francisco, with her little grandson, Alan Sedgely, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Walton.

Mrs. Mollie Gillum came out from Missouri last week for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Phillips.

After much skirmishing the clouds mustered in force Monday evening and for nearly twenty-four hours gave the thirty earth a steady soaking. The farmers are one broad smile at present.

SHAN.

CAMP OPRA.

CAMP OPRA, May 14.—Such a fine rain! Almost 24 hours steady down-pour, with no wind to lodge the hay. It was like a shower of silver coin to our farmers, for there is almost no hay down, and the oats and barley are still growing. The strawberries probably suffered some, but we should not expect all good.

Messrs. Bawden and Farnsworth are steadily washing at the gravel claim, but as they have not cleaned up yet they are unable to tell how well it will pay.

The B. V. C. & R. Co. have not yet resumed work on their property. School will close here Friday.

The annual neighborhood picnic is to take place Sunday.

T. H.

PINE GROVE.

PINE GROVE, May 13.—A steady rain has prevailed the entire day, which will be of great advantage to the growing crops.

Frank Sorocco has returned from Drytown much improved in health. He has been under the doctor's care at that place.

The Mitchell mine we hope to hear running again soon. A force of men are busy putting in the additional ten stamps.

Cramer brothers are still searching for the hidden treasure.

The literary social and entertainment on Friday night of last week was quite a success. About \$20 being realized from admission fee and ice cream.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday night, May 20th. Subject for debate, "Resolved, that a bachelor's pleasures are innumerable."

We understand that Armstrong's station was burned last week.

Miss Mullen of Ione, closes a very successful term of school on Friday,



Light Biscuit
Delicious Cake
Dainty Pastries
Fine Puddings
Flaky Crusts

May 16th, which will be given up for a picnic day for the pupils of the school. Miss Mullen has rare qualities as a teacher, and has the good will of the entire school.

CLIMBING BUTTE MOUNTAIN.

MOKELEHNE HILL, May 10, 1902.

Ed. Ledger:—

Have been here on a two weeks' visit to my daughter, Mrs. G. B. Solari, and will return home to-morrow.

While here I met an old gentleman from New York, who is visiting his niece, Mrs. A. Lamson. He came out to see his sister, Mrs. Warren, of Healdsburg, whom he had not seen for 38 years, and both came here to visit their niece and daughter. Thursday he thought he would like to take a look at the surrounding country, so he started for Butte mountain on foot, going down to the S. E. plant, thence over the hill to the foot of Butte mountain, carrying his lunch. When up half way on the south side he found it impossible to go any farther, so he started around on the west side. Still it was too steep. He would slip, so he took off his shoes, put his lunch in them, and crawled up on his hands and knees, determined to reach the summit, which in time he did, and with the aid of field glasses enjoyed the view immensely, returning home tired out, but glad of having seen the pretty views.

I thought it remarkable, because he is sixty-six years old, and has always lived in cities, so thought I would drop you these few lines. He asked me if I knew of anyone going to the Big Trees, as he would like to go with a crowd to visit them. So if you know of anyone going you would confer a great pleasure to a very nice tourist, as he intends to do all the state before he returns home.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. B. M. GARDINER, Jackson.

P. S.—If anyone is going and wishes to make arrangements, write to Mrs. G. B. Solari, Mokelehne Hill, Cal.

WEDDING PRESENTS.

Following is a list of the gifts presented to the bride at the nuptials of Java Milodjovich and Miss Maria Ban, celebrated in the Greek church on Sunday, May 4th:

John Ban, lounge and ear rings.

Nicola Milovich, silver set, forks and knives.

Pete Vlatkovich, diamond ring.

Mrs. Juka, table cover.

John H. Hartley, clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Leapor, chamber set.

John Chrum, clock.

Milosh Bantovich, rocking chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Buich, berry set.

Pete Bechar, set cups and saucers.

Mitchell Butler, 1 pair pillows.

Mr. and Mrs. Simstich, pair pillow shams and bed spread.

Henry Weil, picture frame.

Mr. and Mrs. Porovich, picture.

Mr. Kent, pair vases.

Miss Eva Kent, salt and pepper shakers.

Mrs. Dragolovich, table cloth and pillow shams.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonescio, water pitcher.

Miss Leonard, head rest.

Nick Covicovich, diamond ring.

Annie Lepetich, vase.

Kate Cassella, bread plate, sweet oil and vinegar holders.

John and Mrs. Glavinich, jewel box and card receiver.

Miss Perleuda, comb and brush tray.

Miss Lucy Juka, set fruit dishes.

Miss Lillian Walford, silk wrapper.

DANGEROUS IF NEGLECTED.

Burns, cuts and other wounds often fail to heal properly if neglected, and become troublesome sores. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve prevents such consequences. Even where delay has aggravated the injury De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve effects a cure. "I had a running sore on my leg thirty years," says H. E. Hartley, Yanktontown, Ind. "After using many remedies, I tried De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. A few boxes healed the sore." Cures all skin diseases. Piles yield to it at once. Beware of counterfeits. Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

Lecture on Alaska.

Dr. C. H. Gibbons gave a lecture in the M. E. church on Friday evening last, taking for his subject "Alaska." The discourse occupied one hour and a half, and was listened to with unflagging interest by a large audience from beginning to end. The lecturer referred to the natives, the railroad building, the general development of the country, and the bright promise for its future growth. A collection was taken up after the lecture, the proceeds of which were for the benefit of the superannuated Methodist ministers.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to publicly express our heartfelt thanks to all who rendered assistance by their sympathetic presence or kindly aid, in our great bereavement in the loss of a devoted wife and mother, Eliza Jane Mason.

J. D. MASON AND FAMILY, Jackson, May 14, 1902.

Shudders At His Past.

"I recall now with horror," says Mail Carrier Burnett Mann, of Levanna, O., "my three years of suffering from kidney trouble. I was hardly ever free from dull aches or acute pains in my back. To stoop or lift mail sacks made me groan. I felt tired, worn out, about ready to give up, when I began to use Electric Bitters, but six bottles completely cured me and made me feel like a new man." They're unrivaled to regulate Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by D. B. Spagnoli. Only 50 cents.

Furniture sold on instalments at White House.

MINING NEWS.

MITCHELL.—The new mill—for such it will be practically—is being constructed with all possible speed. J. T. Chase has charge of the work. He is an experienced man in such work, and will no doubt uphold his reputation in this job. No underground work is being done in the mine, beyond keeping the mine free of water.

SOUTH SPRING HILL.—This mine has recently changed hands. Mr. Kelly, a prominent stockholder of the old company, having secured a controlling interest. The mill has temporarily suspended operations. The company is to be reorganized, and the mine provided with a suitable equipment to handle and mill the large quantities of ore recently developed. When this is accomplished, the South Spring Hill will take rank again as one of the best paying mines on the Iode. This news will be hailed with joy by the residents of Amador and vicinity. A mistaken policy of economy has retarded this promising property for years. The superintendent, John R. Tregloan, who has had charge ever since it was started, has protested in vain against this policy. At one time it stood at the head of the list of bullion producers in the county, and the value of the mine was placed at two million dollars.

